SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2022

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by ..... [your name, call sign and QTH]

The South African Radio League broadcasts a news bulletin each Sunday in Afrikaans and English at 08:15 and 08:30 Central African Time respectively on HF and various VHF and UHF repeaters around the country. The bulletin is relayed on Echolink by Johan, ZS6JPL. The audio bulletins can be downloaded from the League website at http://www.sarl.org.za%C2%A0while the text bulletin can be downloaded from https://sarlnewsbulletin.wordpress.com. To join the MailChimp bulletin mailing list, send an e-mail to the SARL Secretary.

While the problems experienced by some members accessing the SARL web pages are being attended to, an additional channel is now available. To download the weekly SARL News audio recordings and to listen to, or download Amateur Radio Today, log on to www.amateurradio.org.za.

In the news today:

THE SARL AGM ON SATURDAY 23 APRIL

GET ON THE AIR FOR WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY

and

SATELLITE NEWS

Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

The SARL News Team wishes our listeners a Blessed Easter and Pesach to our Jewish members.

THE SARL AGM ON SATURDAY 23 APRIL

Have you registered for the SARL AGM yet? The 2022 SARL Annual General Meeting will start at 10:00 CAT on Saturday 23 April 2022 on the Bluejeans platform, you can attend from the comfort of your home. You need to register to get a link to join the AGM, visit the front page of the SARL website to register. Also download the AGM Booklet which contains the programme for the day, including the proposed budget and membership fees for 2022/2023, the two motions for discussion, and a proposal to host the 2023 SARL National Convention. If you cannot attend, please complete a proxy form and submit it to the SARL Secretary. You can find the AGM Booklet and the proxy form on the front page of the website.

At present the SARL Secretary has 101 registrations and 6 proxy votes. For the AGM to be held, 165 registrations and proxies are required. Register today!

GET ON THE AIR FOR WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY

Monday 18 April is World Amateur Radio Day. It is also a public holiday ending the Easter Weekend. It was on 18 April 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) was founded during the International Radiotelegraph Conference in Paris. That is why radio amateurs worldwide celebrate this day with special activities every year.

How have you progressed with contacts for your SARL WARD Certificate? You still have until 18:00 UTC on Monday 18 April to get the QSOs. This afternoon you can participate in the ZS4 QSO Party to add to your total. Work as many radio amateurs as possible during the weekend, PLUS at least two (2) SARL Councillors (there are 10) and at least three (3) Radio Club stations, excluding your own Club station! Send your application for the 2022 WARD Certificate to secretary@sarl.org.za by 21:59 UTC on Thursday 21 April 2022. Jan, ZT4T will be active on 18 April on 7,100 and 3,700 MHz.

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Club News

The Boland ARC are changing their bulletin time from Sunday 24 April. From next Sunday BARK bulletin will be broadcast on Sunday mornings at 07:45 CAT on 3 730 kHz and then at 09:15 CAT the broadcast will be on the 145,650 MHz repeater on Du Toitskloof as the anchor repeater. There will be a relay on 7 092 kHz. The bulletin will also be available on Echolink at 09:15 by linking to ZU9ACG-R.

SATELLITE NEWS

With more and more satellites being launched regularly and quite a few amateur radio satellites in the mix, it has never been a better time to play with satellites. Whether it is making contacts, decoding pictures from the ISS, or tracking and decoding telemetry, there is something for everyone. In the spirit of sharing information and creating a South African community around amateur radio we have kicked off a website to gather all kinds of interesting news and information around activities and also a new documentation project to create a central point of information and tutorials for playing with satellites. These are all relatively new and are "work in progress," but there is already enough information to get started. This is an attempt to get more interest in satellites to build our local community. You can find the main HamsatSA site at www.hamsatsa.co.za and the documentation project at www.satellitemanual.com

Please send us pictures of your satellite station and tell us about your adventures. Many more activities are planned, feedback is always welcomed.

RESULTS OF THE SARL 80 M CLUB QSO PARTY

The results of the SARL 80 Meter QSO Party, hosted by the Durban ARC, will only be available for next Sunday's Bulletin. This is due to the power failure in our areas, which, hopefully, will be restored by next week.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels. There are currently four sunspots with simple magnetic configurations visible. The probability for flaring is low. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 41. The 10 to 30 m bands will, especially in the late afternoon, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

Finally, a diary of some upcoming events:

16 to 22 April – Pesach or Passover

17 April – Easter Sunday and the ZS4 QSO party

18 April – Family Day and the World Amateur Radio Day

22 April – RAE Registration closes and the closing date for ZS4 Logs

22 and 23 April – the Lyrids Meteor Shower

23 April – the SARL National Convention and the MRK Antenna day

25 April – Marconi day

27 April – Freedom Day, Samuel Morse Day and the Sandton Talking Tech Power hour

30 April – the SARL 40 m Club Contest and the end of the SAMOC April Word Search

1 May – Workers Day

2 May – Public Holiday; Eid al-Fitr and the ZS SOTA Activity Day

5 May – the closing date for Word Search and Club contest logs

To conclude our bulletin, a recap of our main news story:

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This concludes our bulletin for this morning.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page. News items to be included in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Friday preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio programme, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 CAT. The programme can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and on 7 082 kHz lower side-band by courtesy of Louis, ZS5LP. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY, can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz.

We welcome your signal reports, comments, and suggestions; please send these by e-mail to artoday@sarl.org.za.

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From the News Team, best wishes for the week ahead.